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Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

State Representative, Position 1

1. Are you an incumbent?

No, but I was previously elected to the same office in the same district in 2012 and 2014.

2. If yes, what policy or budget item that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment are you most proud of advancing during your tenure?

I received a CEA Champion award in 2016, during my 2nd term. As a lead negotiator for the McCleary school funding remedy, my focus has been on improving educational opportunities and school funding equity. However, I often spoke in favor of DD legislation on the House floor and supported HB 2323 (State implementation of ABLE Act), HB 2394 (Statewide expansion of Parent to Parent program), SB 6466 (Removing obstacles for higher education for students with disabilities), HB 1636 (Disability Employment in State Agencies) and SB 5679 (Transition Services for Special Education Students).

3. If you are not an incumbent, what will you do to support individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy?

Likely returning as the ranking member on House Education, I'd still be in a position to ensure education access for the DD community. Most importantly for the upcoming year, I'll be focused on backfilling federal shortfalls in special education (IDEA) funding and adjusting the prototypical school model to provide more nurses and counsellors so that we can address growing problems with bullying and teen suicide.

4. Do you personally know anyone with an intellectual/developmental disability? I/DD includes people who have cognitive disabilities such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, etcetera.

My Kiwanis chapter in Issaquah has always had a strong relationship with AtWork! through Chris Brandt, including sponsoring the Aktion Club of Salmon Country. I've worked with Chris and others on several pieces of legislation.

5. Have you ever worked alongside anyone with a developmental or intellectual disability?

Yes, I've worked as a Kiwanis volunteer alongside members of our sponsored Aktion Club of Salmon Country.

6. Nearly 80% of people with a developmental disability are not employed or are underemployed. What can you do in your role to address this issue?

I'm planning another collaboration with Rep Hanson, chair of House Higher Education, to expand opportunities for internships in high school and college. This could also benefit the DD community by tying in programs like AtWork!.

7. Many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who do work are worried about losing critical lifeline benefits such as medical care and social security because of earnings. Will you commit to working with CEA and other stakeholders to bridge this gap in

coverage for people who want to work?

Yes

8. It is estimated that 12,560 people with developmental disabilities receive NO paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure services for all?

I'll work with CEA and the Arc of Washington State to propose a fairer set of eligibility requirements and funding to support all who are eligible.

9. If elected and during your campaign, will you commit to meeting with businesses in your community and across the state who have benefited from having a diverse work force which benefits their bottom line?

Yes! There is broad support on both sides of the aisle for protecting our most vulnerable, and fiscal conservatives especially see the value of a diverse work force on the bottom line.

10. Community Employment Alliance members work hard every day to secure and retain competitive employment, increased wages, benefits and job training for people with disabilities. The impact of community employment on individuals and families is substantial. During your campaign, will you commit to meeting with families whose sons and daughters have benefited from employment services and hear their stories of inclusion, autonomy, and independence?

Most definitely! Nothing works better for me than to have those conversations with folks in the trenches living with these developmental challenges.

11. Is there any other information pertaining to this topic that you would like your constituents with developmental disabilities, their friends and their family members, to know about you?

When I see the impact you have in our communities, when volunteering at Concerts on the Green, working on job sites or even as managers of our Liberty varsity football program leading cheers from the sidelines and at 5th Quarter dinners, I take great pride in the roll you all play. Your unbridled enthusiasm is treasured by everyone.

12. Do you have any questions about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we can help you with?

If I do, I'll ask Chris Brandt. She's been very helpful in crafting thoughtful policy.

Thank you for remitting your candidate questionnaire. Your feedback will be posted on our website exactly as you have written it. Your responses will help inform thousands of constituents in your district and across the state of your positions on these very important issues. Your responses will not be edited. If you have questions or if you need help completing this form, please call or email Executive Director, Adrienne Stuart, at the contact information below. Thank you for your time.

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Title And Position Number You Are Seeking:

State Representative, Position 2

1. Are you an incumbent?

Yes, I am finishing my first term in the State House of Representatives.

2. If yes, what policy or budget item that supports people with disabilities who are employed or seeking employment are you most proud of advancing during your tenure?

As one of only two freshman on the house appropriations (budget-writing) committee, I have worked for education, job training, support, and housing opportunities for people with disabilities. I have been particularly proud to work with student transition programs in the Issaquah, Snoqualmie Valley, and Tahoma School Districts to help target funding for high school students with disabilities to seek employment and develop their skills and confidence. I have also worked with constituents who have children at the Fircrest Residential Habilitation Center.

3. If you are not an incumbent, what will you do to support individuals with disabilities find and keep jobs and contribute to our economy?

I am an incumbent.

4. Do you personally know anyone with an intellectual/developmental disability? I/DD includes people who have cognitive disabilities such as Down syndrome, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, etcetera.

Yes. My older brother, before he passed away, was severely disabled and lived in a residential home from a very young age. I have also met many terrific young people who are working with transition programs to seek jobs and housing.

5. Have you ever worked alongside anyone with a developmental or intellectual disability?

Yes, in college I worked in both residential housing and for the student government, and worked closely with several people who had disabilities. It was a tremendous experience.

6. Nearly 80% of people with a developmental disability are not employed or are underemployed. What can you do in your role to address this issue?

I believe the state can do more to open job opportunities for people with disabilities, both by employing them directly and by making it easier for employers to hire them and find the right jobs for their skills and talents.

7. Many people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who do work are worried about losing critical lifeline benefits such as medical care and social security because of earnings. Will you commit to working with CEA and other stakeholders to bridge this gap in coverage for people who want to work?

Absolutely. I believe that every person has value and worth, and that all people who want a job and are willing to work hard should be able to find one, and to receive benefits from them.

8. It is estimated that 12,560 people with developmental disabilities receive NO paid services from the Developmental Disabilities Administration. If you are elected, what will you do to ensure services for all?

I believe that DD benefits should be simple, straightforward, fair, and clearly communicated, and will work to achieve those ends.

9. If elected and during your campaign, will you commit to meeting with businesses in your community and across the state who have benefited from having a diverse work force which benefits their bottom line?

Yes, and I have loved doing so already.

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Absolutely.

11. Is there any other information pertaining to this topic that you would like your constituents with developmental disabilities, their friends and their family members, to know about you?

I love working with CEA, and look forward to continuing to do so.

12. Do you have any questions about people with intellectual and developmental disabilities that we can help you with?

No.

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